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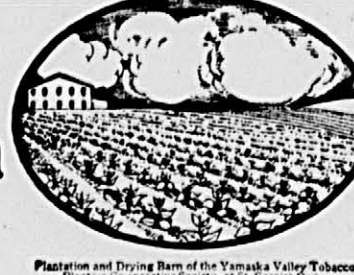
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TWO LETTERS FROM MCGILL MEN OVERSEAS

William H. McLean, Sci. '16,
Writes from English Hospital.

ANY CHANGE WELCOME.

Corporal D. Smith, Mechanics '16,
Who is With Telegraphers,
Writes from Some Place in France.

A communication has just been received from Bombardier William H. McLean, Sci. '16, from Ward 16A, of No. 33 Wilson War Hospital, Reading, England. Bombardier McLean was wounded in the recent fighting in which the Canadians took such an active part. About two years ago now, Bombardier McLean enlisted in the 27th Battery, which was recruited in Montreal. Several other McGill men also enlisted at the same time, including J. K. Wilson, Cushing, K. B. Jencks, and G. H. Smithers. Bombardier McLean writes:

"An enjoyable hospital life in England for a change, and it sure is a welcome change after France. Got in the way of some shrapnel, about a month ago, but nothing serious, and am getting along fine now. My wounds are nearly healed up, and expect I'll be leaving here for a convalescent home in a week or so, and then I'll get a ten days' leave. Will sure try and make up for lost time. Have not heard from Jake (J. K. Wilson, Sci. '17), but heard he had gone on leave a week or so ago, and will probably go to the Depot afterwards. Guess he has had no serious consequences from his wounds.

"This is not a bad place, but they do not believe in giving us much freedom. Am allowed out from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and have not very much time to do anything exciting. Reading is not a very big town, but is a pretty place.

Corporal D. Smith.

The following letter from Corp. D. Smith, a member of the class of Mechanical '16, has just been received. Corporal Smith took the wireless telegraphy course under Dr. Grey in the fall of 1914. In the spring of 1915 a call came from Ottawa for experienced telegraphers, and practically all the McGill men who had taken the course in wireless offered their services. Those who left McGill at that time are: J. Rutherford, '17; M. R. McCracken, '17, and D. M. MacDonald, '17. Corp. Smith writes as follows:

"For some time past I have had very little time for letter writing; however, it looks as though I would have a little more time now. For some time now, I have been with the 5th Brigade. There is always one O. R. attached to each Brigade (at times more). Keith Ewart, Sci. '14, who was with this Brigade since we left England, has left to get a commission in the R. F. C.

You have no regular runs, but must be ready to go into Div. at any time during the day or night with specials. The average is about one run a day. Although only a mile and a quarter from the front line, we have quite a comfortable place. Dad Shrimpton, Mech. '16, is at Div., and I have not seen him for some days. The last time I went in to see him I did not think he would be pleased to see me, as it was 1 a.m.

"Just heard this morning that I am third on the leave list, so expect to get over to London some time next week, all being well. It will certainly be great to get back to civilization again for a few days, after fourteen months of this. Still, there are worse places than France.

"Yes, I certainly have seen the 'tanks,' but will tell you more about that at some other time."

MACCABEAN CIRCLE.

The next regular meeting of the Maccabean Circle will be held on Sunday, the 10th inst. The programme will consist of a paper by J. Mergler, Arts '19, and a debate on the following subject, "Resolved, that the Jews were morally justified in their treatment of Spinoza under the conditions prevailing at that time." The subject will be debated by O. Klineberg, B. Eliasoph, L. Leiter and H. Seigal.

LIEUT. HOWARD IN HOSPITAL.

Lieut. W. H. Howard, Law '15, who has been serving in France with the 31st Battery, C.P.A., is at present in the base hospital at Rouen, suffering from rheumatic fever. Lieut. Howard is a former member of the Students' Council.

DR. W. CLIFFORD M. SCOTT, MED. '14, OF BRITISH MEDICAL CORPS, AWARDED MILITARY CROSS FOR GALLANTRY ON THE SOMME.

According to an Ottawa despatch, the Military Cross has been awarded Lieut. W. Clifford M. Scott, Med. '14, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, for distinguished conduct at the battle of Thiepval. Lieut. Scott is a son of J. G. Scott, of Ottawa, and a brother of Lieut. G. O. Scott, Med. '10, who is now in Canada on leave, but who expects to return to the front shortly. A past pupil of the Ottawa Collegiate Institute, Lieut. Scott took a post graduate course at Bellevue Hospital, New York City, after leaving McGill, and last New Year's sailed for England with his brother, Dr. G. O. Scott, to join the Royal Army Medical Corps. He has been in France for some months, attached to a British unit. Lieut. Scott played football and hockey at McGill, and is a relative of Dr. C. K. Church, Med. '16, and H. B. Church, Med. '17.

THEOLOGUES WANT AFFILIATION WITH STUDENTS' SOCIETY.

That the members of the Theological Students' Society are heartily in favour of amalgamation with the Students' Society of the University was shown yesterday by the result of the referendum which was taken on the question among the members of the Society. Of the ballots, twenty-eight were marked for amalgamation, nine were against the measure, and two were spoiled. About eighty per cent. of the membership voted on the question.

ATTENDANCE AT FIRST CONCERT LARGE INDEED

First Orchestral Concert of the McGill Conservatorium.

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The first of the orchestral concerts given by the McGill Conservatorium of Music, was held last night in the Assembly Hall of the R. V. C. The audience was the largest which these concerts have attracted for some time, every available seat being occupied, and great interest and appreciation shown.

The programme was well balanced, and was rendered in almost all cases with a finish and understanding of the work, most praiseworthy in an amateur performance.

The concert was opened with Beethoven's great Symphony in B Flat, a work of extraordinary brightness and perfected form. At once the orchestra showed a marked improvement in bowing and rhythm, and displayed a good understanding and unity of expression. The first movement, perhaps the most attractive of the four, was exceedingly well rendered and smooth.

The second number on the programme, a violin solo—Handel's "Sonata da Camera"—was rendered by Miss Pena with purity of tone and a very good technique.

Two interesting numbers, with orchestral accompaniment, were given by Mr. Gould, the first an "Aria" by Handel, and later Gounod's "Cavatina" from Faust.

Two unusual and striking pieces, the first, "Dance Orientale," by Lebedevsky, and the second "A la Balalaika," by Katchetoff, compositions by artists of the modern Russian school, were then performed by the orchestra. The manner in which these were performed showed their own enjoyment of the compositions, and gave great pleasure to the audience.

A pianoforte solo, the "Fantasia in F Minor," Chopin, by Miss Johnson followed. Miss Johnson showed a masterful interpretation and a fine sense of rhythm.

Then came two very charming songs, "Crowing Waters," by Teresa del Riego, and "Pipes of Pan," by Monckton, rendered by Miss M. Travers, in an equally charming manner.

Miss Marguerite Reddy's violin solos, an "Air" by Matheson, and "Orientale," by Essar Clin, were very excellently performed, the interpretation being unusually good.

The programme ended with a Military March, "En Route," composed for the orchestra by Dr. Perrin. In writing this March, the composer made use of the familiar drum-rhythm heard daily in the streets, when drums are "on the march," which doubled the interest exhibited for this selection by the audience.

CERCLE FRANCAIS MEETING.

The Cercle Francais will hold their next meeting this evening at 7 p.m. in the Union. Supper will be served in the hall room, as usual.

The executive have been successful in obtaining the services of Mr. C. A. Rochdieu. His address is, "Dissertation sur la Morale de L'antiquite d'Apriex ses Fables." In as much as Mr. Rochdieu has given considerable attention to making his paper both entertaining and instructive, the executive feels sure that no member can afford to miss Friday evening's meeting.

In addition to the address, the meeting is to be favored with pianoforte solos by Mr. Swartz. This gentleman is too well-known around College to need any introduction.

An effort is being made to obtain other prominent speakers, and it appears from this time of writing that the Cercle will have one of the most enjoyable meetings of its career.

MCGILL BEATEN AGAIN BY 244TH. AT WATER POLO

The Game was Fast, Close and Exciting

HILL, OF 244TH, WAS STAR.

Better Game if More McGill Men Had Turned Out.

For the second time this season, McGill played the 244th Battalion water polo team last night at the Central Y. M. C. A. The game was fairly fast and close, and the excitement at times was great. Something over a hundred men were out to witness the game, and saw a match that well repaid their coming around.

There was not enough of a crowd of McGill men there to give the McGill yell, and the McGill representatives would undoubtedly have put up a better battle against the soldiers had they turned out in anything like the numbers that rooted for the soldiers. The McGill team showed lack of sufficient practice, and were somewhat slower than their opponents on the whole. Many of them have had very little experience in the game, and were not conversant with the finer points, but on the whole their performance was decidedly creditable, and certainly more than could be reasonably expected from a team with so little organization.

The playing of the soldiers, with the exception of Sgt. Maj. Hill, was not in any way superior to the McGill aggregation, although they were a trifle faster swimmers.

Hill easily outshone any other man in the water, both at the offensive and the defensive game. He shot all the soldiers' goals, and was responsible for the breaking up of many of McGill's most promising passes.

For McGill, O'Brien was the star, scoring two of McGill's three points, and played a close game, being right at the back of his man in every play. Scott made some pretty stops of McGill's accurate shots.

The final score was 5 to 3 for the 244th.

The 244th led all the way, and it was not until the last quarter that the McGill team woke up and shot two goals in quick time, and brought the score to some semblance of closeness. This was the last game in which the McGill team will participate this year.

The line-ups:—

244th.	Position.	McGill
Sgt. Johnson	Goal.	T. B. McGregor
Pte. Wykes	Defence.	L. H. O'Brien
Greig	Centre.	L. Lally
Sgt. R. H. Richmond	Forwards.	M. W. Henderson
Sgt. Maj. Hill		L. S. Henry
Referee: Geo. Moore.		Paul Scott

The league standing is:—

Team.	Won.	Lost.
M. S. C.	3	2
244th	3	1
M. A. A.	4	1
McGill	0	5

JUNIOR HOCKEY.

The annual meeting of the Junior Amateur Hockey Association of Canada was held last evening at the M. A. A. Club House.

It was decided to continue operating the league again this winter. McGill Junior team is expected to make a big bid for the honors this season.

Particular attention will be paid to the Juniors in the future, and everything will be done to further their interests. The election of officers for the ensuing season resulted as follows:—

President—J. W. Rooney, McGill.
1st Vice-Pres.—John Aird, Victoria.
2nd Vice-Pres.—John Gallery, Loyola.
Sec.-Treasurer—R. J. Nelson.

WORKING FOR ALLIES.

President Hibben, of Princeton University, has announced that there are now seven members of the university faculty actively working for the Allies either at the front in France or in London. The list comprises Pierre Boutroux, Archibald Allan Bowman, Hereward Lester Cooke, Alfred Noyes, Regis Michaud, Norman Kemp Smith and Joseph Henry Wedderburn. With the exception of Professors Boutroux and Michaud all are in the British service.

R. V. C. ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

There will be a very important meeting of the R. V. C. Athletic Association to-day at one o'clock, in the Common Room. A change in the constitution is necessary, so there must be two-thirds of the whole membership present. Will everybody please make a special effort to attend!

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PROFANITY.

Just as the doctor judges the physical condition of his patients by physical examination, so does the average man judge the mental and moral qualities of his fellows by the language they use. While it is true that actions speak louder than words, they do not speak so often, for we converse with many of our fellow students daily, yet we are able to follow the actions of comparatively few of them from morning till night. The result is that we base our opinions of those we meet almost entirely on their manner of speech, and their choice of words. We try to become intimate and eventually to make our friendships with those whose conversation proves most pleasing or displays an admirable personality.

Many a fine man is shunned and his good qualities are left unrecognized because of the profanity he uses, which is taken as an indication that he is not a desirable associate, and which obscures his true personality. We believe that college students of this type cultivate the habit through their association in the survey, mining or railway camp or in connection with the work they take up during the holidays, where they come in daily contact with many men, who are good hearted and all that, but who are "rough and ready," and who have suffered from the lack of contact with the softening influence of a refined home. Profanity in these cases is not a vicious habit, but a careless one, and the expressions used are used merely for an emphasis which should be supplied by adjectives of a proper type. The better the English of a speaker, the more weight his words carry, and no good conversationalist has, at any time, to resort to profanity to illustrate his meaning. Those who do not understand the psychology of swearing cannot be blamed for looking upon it as the outward sign of an inwardly foul mind.

We do not think that the language used by McGill men is any worse in this respect than that of any other body of young men, but we do feel that many of our number would gain much more than they would lose by choosing their words more carefully. After all, any college man should have a wider and cleaner vocabulary than has the racing tout or the hanger-on in the nearest saloon.

HOCKEY TALK.

"It looks as though we were going to have a pretty good hockey team this year, doesn't it?" was a remark that was addressed to us to-day, and we heartily concurred with the speaker. Thirty-two men were out at the practice Wednesday evening, and all were going strong. This is a better representation than the first practice has seen in years, and if the men themselves are taking such an interest in the game, then it is certainly the duty of the student body to support them to the very limit. It has happened in former years that the students did not patronize the games nearly as well as they might have. One of the reasons, if it may be called such, advanced, was that McGill had not a winning team. That is not the right idea at all. Whether the team is winning or losing, it is the duty of the undergraduates to support it in every practical way. If you ask any player, he will tell you that the team plays twice as well when it has a bunch of the fellows out cheering, and encouraging the players to do all in their power to "bring home the bacon." This is the spirit which should be behind every team representing McGill, and we hope that the students will bear this in mind when the first game is played on the 18th of this month with Laval.

FOUNTAIN PEN LOST.

Lost, most likely between Arts Building, and the old Medical Building, a fountain pen with two gold bands around it. Finder please leave with janitor of either building.

Rooters are necessary to make a football game a success. "The same is true about a stock judging contest," says the members of the Minnesota University judging team, which will meet similar teams from other universities at the Chicago international live stock show recently. "Anybody can root for a football game, but only one fellow is qualified to root a judging team to victory," the boys added last night, "and that fellow is the pig." Three of the best pigs on University farm will accompany the cattle judges to the stock show. A large crowd of student rooters also will go to the Chicago show.

Plans are at the present time under way under the guidance of Dr. C. N. Bauer, Dr. H. N. Slobin, of the Minnesota University, and other prominent mathematicians of the state to organize a state chapter here of the Mathematical Association of America. The organization is devoted to promoting the interest of college mathematics.

The gentlemen mentioned propose to organize a state branch of this association in order that the various professors of this subject may be the recipients of its activities without having to attend meetings at Chicago, St. Louis or some other distant city. Some thirty schools in Minnesota teach college mathematics, and consequently, little trouble was had in convincing the officers of the association that a branch was needed.

MAJOR KILBORN DEAD.
Major R. Kilborn, medical officer of the Royal Military College at Kingston, for the past seventeen years, is dead after several months' illness.

PICTURES FOR ANNUAL.
All the clubs and societies who wish to have their group picture in the Annual, should have the same done by December 15th, as all pictures must be in by that date. The official photographer for the Annual is Gordon, 811 St. Catherine St., but the societies may exercise their own judgment as to where they have the photograph taken.

PHRYNE AND FRANKENSTEIN.

Dear Frankenstein, I revealed your religious system to a clear-eyed, clear-brained maid—one that never attempted an Arts course—and the verdict was a healthy laugh which almost induced me to kiss her. "Religion is truth seen through a poetic temperament." This was too vague for her. She, an unspoiled child of nature, is pervaded by the first principle of life—love. In this she does not differ from Buddha or the Carpenter of Nazareth. When together we pass a poor cripple on the street, my tender little friend presses closer to me, and her eyes moisten. "How I hate our modern literature!" she burst out one day—"It's artificial melancholy, its never-ending discussion of love, the insincerity, one-sidedness of it all! Pages are filled with dissertations on kisses, love-making in the moonlight, and people take this to be real love."

One little story she plucked from the great tree of modern art and considers it a marvel. The characters in it are a man and a dog and both are cutcasts. A crime is to be committed, and the man, a member of a vast organization, draws the fatal lot. He hastens to the place of action, when suddenly a whimpering dog is in his way. He raises his foot to kick the animal aside, but the pitiful look of the outcast checks him. He takes him up in his arms and warms and caresses him.

But the crime must be committed. He thrusts the dog from him and rushes off, but is again held back by the whimpering of the animal. The crime was not committed that day and the soul of a man was saved by a dog.

You smile. And yet it is upon such universal love that the religion of the future will be based. I believe that all religious systems of the past were defective, inasmuch as they were narrow and intolerant. Even in the case of Christ it seems that the little Judaic people absorbed his thoughts to the exclusion of all the world. You deny it? Well, see the persecutions that followed in his name.

Goodness can only be the result of humility. Now is it humility to shut out from heaven all but ourselves, to believe that our world is the centre of the universe, that the animals were created for our sake? The universe must first be seen in the light of modern reason before man will be truly humble. He will then identify himself with everything living, from a tiny mayflower, to an elephant, for "God made and loveth all." He will realize that there is something vital in the words "brother, sister," once he appreciates the assistance this brother or sister rendered him in the long evolutionary struggle to the stage of man. He will no longer be proud once he knows there are myriads of planets, many probably more perfect than his own, containing a humanity perhaps more wonderful than ours.

Humility will be humbled by a knowledge of the sciences, and a life of goodness and justice will arise in this world. You say it is far off. True; but do I not belong to this great universe? Am I not part of it? And being part of it shall I ever die? PHRYNE.

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THE UNION DANCE INFORMAL.

Editor, McGill Daily:
Dear Sir,—In order to correct a mistaken impression which appears to have gained ground among members of the student body, may I be permitted, on behalf of the Students' Union House Committee, to state that it is the aim of that body to make the Union dance to be held on December 15 as informal as is within the bounds of possibility. Not only is this the desire of the Union House Committee, but what is of more consequence, it is the earnest wish of the Committee on Social Functions of the University. Indeed, it was only upon the distinct understanding that the dance be informal that the Committee on Social Functions granted permission for the holding of the event. It is therefore obvious that the dress suits, flowers, taxis and the like will not be welcomed, and that persons who appear in dress suits will be frowned upon.

As this will be the first event of the kind at the University within three years, may I ask for most liberal patronage on the part of the student body. Especially are we desirous of the presence of such students as have been for several months clamoring for a dance. Tickets are on sale at the Union. Yours truly,
H. R. MORGAN,
President, McGill Union.

ARTS '19 DINNER.

The members of the class of Arts '19, wishing to together informally before the close of the session, have decided to hold an informal dinner on the 19th inst. at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. Inasmuch as great enthusiasm is being shown by both the members of the class and the officers, it would appear that this function will be most enjoyable. A special effort is being made to provide an entertaining programme, so that Arts '19 can leave for their holidays with distinct (the dinner is to be dry) remembrances of a "real good time." It might be mentioned that this is the first of the series of entertainments which this class is to hold this session.

SHAG DOING WELL.

Since the recruiting for the 20th Battalion at Ottawa has been given into the charge of Lieut. Frank Shaughnessy, it has received quite an impetus. "Shag" started to recruit on November 10th, and reports that he has already secured about 30 men for his battalion. Instead of enlisting young men for ball or hockey teams he is securing them for the bigger game of war.

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It was the London coffee-taverns which contributed so largely to intercommunity and good-fellowship amongst the literary men of the Eighteenth Century. And innumerable us, "there were few societies where there is better conversation" than the meetings held at some of these taverns, which were the successors of a coffee-house started by an English Turkey merchant in St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, in the middle of the Seventeenth Century, and generally credited with being the first tavern of the kind established in England.

Talent and even genius were the distinguishing features of the gatherings of the literary men of the eighteenth and the two preceding centuries. With all their shortcomings, for these gatherings were generally as lax in their behavior, according to modern views, as they were modest in their expenditure, how much more sociable were these assemblies of good fellows meeting under certain conditions," as Dr. Johnson defined the clubs of his day, than the clubs of the present day, most of which, so far as social intercourse is concerned, are monuments of dullness. The story goes that at a certain literary club in London of today, two members who had been known to one another by sight for 30 years, but had never spoken to one another, found themselves face to face at the dinner table. To the one who commented upon the coincidence, the other replied that the coincidence did not entitle his fellow member to address him.

Brilliant as was the flow of wit at many of these literary gatherings which provided full opportunity for the play of social gifts and humorous originality, few if any of them attained to the distinction of the Friday Street Club, started by Sir Walter Raleigh. What club can boast of such a roll as that of the Friday Street, on which were inscribed the names of some of England's most illustrious sons; among them Shakespeare, Ben Jonson, Beaumont, Fletcher, Selden, Carew and Donne? If the modern counterparts of the literary clubs of the earlier centuries can claim to rival them in the boisterousness of their conviviality, they certainly cannot approach them in distinction. In a few of the flow of friendship may be as full and warm-hearted, and the combats of wit almost as lively, but the muster rolls of some of the clubs which stood, as Aubrey quaintly puts it, for "sodality in a tavern" stand unrivalled in interest.

The poets and wits of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth centuries do not appear to have confined their convivialities to any one special club, for many of the leading members of the Friday Street were also habitués of another literary club which met at the Devil Tavern in Fleet Street, where Ben Jonson, not to mention Beaumont, Fletcher, Decker and Marston, received much of his inspiration, and where were inscribed the rules which

he drew up under the title of Leges Convivales for the wits who gathered within its four walls. Of the Eighteenth Century clubs, many have now been forgotten, but two are indelibly associated with the time—

"Whence deathless Kit-cat took its name,
Few critics can unriddle;
Some say from pastry-cook it came,
And some from Cat and Fiddle."

As a matter of fact, there is fairly good reason for supposing that the Kit-cat Club, which is now more closely identified with its literary members, Vanbrugh, Congreve, Steele and Addison, than with its patriots whom Walpole so highly esteemed, derived its name from the owner of the house in Shire Lane Temple Bar, where its meetings were first held. Every club has its bore, and Hawkins seems to have been the bore of the Literary Club. He was an indifferent listener and made no effort to conceal his umbrage at the monopoly of the conversation enjoyed by Johnson and Burke, and he did not add to his popularity by objecting to the admission of Goldsmith, as a member on the ground that he was "a mere drudge, equal to the task of compiling and translating, but little capable of original and still less of poetical composition."

Like its predecessors, the Literary Club, which was founded by Sir Joshua Reynolds in the middle of the Eighteenth Century, met at a tavern. It is not improbable that the name of this tavern, which was situated in Gerard Street, Soho, was adopted from that of the coffee-house founded in Cornhill by the Turkey merchant who set up as his sign a picture of his own head. Be this as it may, the club which met at the Turk's Head in Soho soon attracted to its doors, owing to the peculiarly genial nature of its conviviality, the most famed wits, as well as the most renowned men of the day.

If the name of Dr. Johnson is intimately associated with many of the literary clubs of his century, that of Douglas Jerrold is identified with those of the middle of the Nineteenth Century. To a man of his disposition, delighting in repartee and the flash of wit, club life presented irresistible attractions and unceasing charms. He was the mainstay of the Mulberries, each member of which had to contribute a paper upon England's great dramatist. In his "Cakes and Ale" and the "Illuminated Magazine" he describes, with the happiness which distinguishes his writings, the meeting and some of the members of this club. Subsequently, when the title of the club was changed to "The Shakespeare," it included within its ranks Charles Dickens and the artist Maclise. Jerrold's temperament and quickness of repartee made him a persona grata in social and literary circles, and of the many stories related of him few are more characteristic than that of his meeting with a well known bore in the street, who accosted him with "Well, Jerrold, what's going on?" "I am," was the prompt reply as Jerrold strolled on. Hospitality was not a strong point with Cavendish, the physicist, who was a member of the Royal Society's Club, which still flourishes, and who was one of the most constant attendants at its dinners; but his hospitality went so far as to invite his friends occasionally as guests, though he left them to pay the bill.

UNION ADVISORY BOARD.

The Advisory Board of McGill Union will meet at five o'clock this afternoon to discuss important business.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS NEW COLUMBIA BRANCH

Anonymous Friend Gives \$600,000
to Finance New Faculty of
the University.

Barely three weeks after Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, in his annual report, issued a call for \$30,000,000 to finance Columbia University's educational projects of the near future, the trustees of the Institution announced the first large response. It was an anonymous gift of \$600,000, for a building for the new School of Business, one of the needs which Dr. Butler declared urgent.

The new building will occupy the north-east corner of Broadway and 116th street, immediately adjoining the subway station and opposite the School of Journalism. Tentative plans for the structure long have been in readiness. The building will be approximately 265 feet by 53 feet and of the same height and general architectural style as the School of Journalism, Kent Hall and Hamilton Hall, the structures which occupy the other three 116th street corners at Broadway to Amsterdam avenue. An auditorium seating 900 to 1,000 persons will probably be included in the building.

Part of the site selected for the School of Business is occupied by an old red brick building which is a survival of the days before Columbia acquired its present campus. For several years the structure has been utilized as the home of the Faculty Club, a gathering place for the professors of all faculties. Until proper provision for the Faculty Club is made work will not be started upon the new School of Business building. A site for the permanent home of the Faculty Club has been reserved at Morningside Drive and 117th street, but the university has not yet the funds for the building, which will cost approximately \$275,000. The trustees announce that it is hoped, however, to have the School of Business building ready for occupancy not later than the summer session of 1918.

While the name of the donor to the School of Business—which, though it started as a separate university division only last September, already has an enrolment of 1,200—is a mystery, a letter which accompanied the gift indicated that he was active in the affairs of large corporations.

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"The earliest documentary knowledge of English which we possess consists in a few rather scrappy Charters of the last years of the Seventh Century, and the first few years of the Eighth. These Charters are in Latin, but contain English Place and Personal names. "From the end of the Seventh Century, then, we can trace the development of English, in various forms or dialects, by means of documents which become increasingly numerous as years go on.

"During the twelve hundred odd years over which our knowledge of English extends, changes of very considerable extent have taken place. "To begin with, the spelling of the words is very different in different ages, so much so, that at first sight it is hardly possible to recognize the identity of the present-day forms with those of their ancestors in bygone ages. We attribute these changes in the spelling, on the whole, to an attempt, more or less successful, to adapt this to the changing pronunciation of the different periods of English. "Again, while many words remain and retain their old meaning, others which in one age were in common use, disappear altogether, or they alter their meaning; new words come into use and take the place of those which have dropped out of use. We observe that this process of loss and gain and of change of meaning is for ever going on in the English vocabulary.

"Nor do grammatical forms or inflexions enjoy immunity from change. Many are lost altogether and their places taken by others which had originally a different function and now have extra work thrown upon them. Other inflexions are simply lost without anything being put in their place, and without any loss in intelligibility or definiteness of expression. But the ravages made in the inflexional system of English often involve a new form of sentence, a new construction, a new Syntax. "All these changes, in Pronunciation, in Vocabulary, in Accidence and Syntax would have to be considered and described in a complete account. The description of these phenomena constitutes the History of English.

"A complete history of English would take into account all the facts in the development of every form of English from the earliest period till the present day.

"Fortunately, at the present time, the great majority of the English dialects are of very little importance as representative of the origin of both in the same; that the starting point was in the language of London as spoken by the Court and the upper ranks of Society, and in the transaction of official business from the Fifteenth Century."

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may be. However, I am afraid that
instead of the optimist I used to be,
my views have materially changed
regarding the war. I am firmly of
the belief that another year anyway
will have to elapse ere we can pos-
sibly be in a position to talk peace.
Of course we could have peace to-
morrow, at least a patched-up agree-
ment going under that name, which
would render all our sacrifices nil—
that is no good. In the words of Lloyd
George, we are in this to a 'knot-
out.' Until we have Fritz where we
want him no one should talk of the
cessation of hostilities.

"We have just completed a long
trip in the trenches, fourteen days.
We came out last night, and expect
to be out for some time. We had
'Jake' dugout forty feet deep with
two entrances. In this there were
two rooms about 12 x 8. We occu-
pied one of them, and at the time we
went in it had very little timbering
in the room, consequently, on the
morning after our arrival, while at
breakfast, we were badly startled and
shaken up by the ceiling falling. For-
tunately only about six hundred-
weight of earth fell which, consider-
ing the tons above, was very slight.
However, I must say we lost no time
in getting an engineer and having
him finish the timbering for us. As
I said, we were at breakfast at the
time, and the most of it was lost. We
finally dug up all our effects, and
everything was as before. It may be
of interest to you were I to tell you
of our method of eating, or I should
say, rationing, in the trenches. Ra-
tions come up every night, the meat
cooked, the bacon raw. This we fry
for breakfast on a coke brazier fire.
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ter, beans, jam and the 'eternal'
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taking it all into consideration, the
best time out here is when you are
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tions.

"The last week has been very wet,
so needless to say the trenches are
not in the best of shape. The mud
is also worthy of mention, being of
about three classes. Did you ever
classify mud before—the first very
thick and the kind that sticks to you
until you wonder if you have legs and
feet or merely two great lumps of
France on you; the second, just ordi-
nary mixture, nice gruel; the third,
mostly liquid."

WHAT'S ON

TO-DAY.
1.00 p.m.—R. V. C. Athletic As-
sociation.
5.00 p.m.—Advisory Board Meeting
McGill Union.
7.00 p.m.—Cercle Francais Meet-
ing, McGill Union.
8.15 p.m.—Medical Undergrad.

COMING.
Dec. 9—Track Club Picture at 12.30
p.m.
Dec. 10—Maccabean Circle Meet-
ing.
Dec. 11—Students' Council Elec-
tions.
Dec. 14—Lecture at McGill Con-
servatorium.
Dec. 15—Union Informal Dance.
Dec. 18—McGill vs. Laval at Ar-na
Dec. 19—Arts '19 Dinner—Ritz-
Carlton Hotel.

Ground has been broken just west
of Lincoln Hall, at the University of
Illinois, but this time not for the
foundation of a new building.
It has been broken for the planting
of shrubbery of different kinds, and
when spring comes the work of the
landscape gardening department will
give a beautifying effect to the heret-
ofore barren campus back of the Hall.
The work of the department will
be carried still farther this week and
shrubbery will be planted around the
Engineering Building and the Armory.

Winners of the kite contest of the
Urbana, Ill., public schools competing
in the final contest last week for the
prizes offered by President Edmund
J. James have been selected and the
prizes awarded.

The measurements of height, over-
head flight and pull were taken by stu-
dents of the College of Engineering,
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ABOUT THE TEA ROOM.

(The following announcement has
been issued by those interested in
the Tea Room at Strathcona Hall—
Ed. Note.)

Since it has become the fashion
for everything to be made public, it
is only proper that there should be
no secret about the system by which
the Strathcona Hall tea-room is run.
In fact, there never has been a desire
to shield anything connected with the
tea-room, but it was thought un-
necessary to tell the perhaps more
unpleasant incidents which occur.

The tea-room is directly controlled
by a committee elected by the Un-
dergraduate Society of Royal Vic-
toria College. Every student, whe-
ther undergraduate or post-graduate, is
expected to give her services in some
capacity when asked to do so. If she
is unable to do this, it is her duty to
provide a substitute.

The authorities of Strathcona Hall
have very generously loaned their au-
ditorium and kitchen for the purpose,
and have permitted those in charge to
use the china belonging to the Hall.
They are also giving the necessary
gas and electricity. The committee
is indebted to the University authori-
ties for the use of the examination
tables.

The tea-cloths and cakes are pro-
vided by the students. Expenditures
for all other materials are deducted
from the tea-room fund.

It is not necessary to enlarge on
the labor involved in maintaining this
tea-room, but that the readers may
not be inclined to believe the re-
marks made by Rosaline in her let-
ter published yesterday, it shall be
stated briefly. On a Monday or Fri-
day afternoon, about two o'clock, five
or six girls, sometimes less, are
pressed into service to carry ma-
terials over to the Hall—these things
include a sack of tea, a sack of sugar,
butter, loaves of bread, cakes, tea-
cloths, electric partials, and so forth.

At the Hall the tables and chairs
must be set up, cloths spread, china
carried down from upstairs, cream
jugs and sugar bowls filled, bread and
cakes cut, and other things which all
take time, and it is not long before
four o'clock strikes. The readers will
agree that these furniture movers
have a right to make use of the
broken mirror referred to by our
literary Freshette to make themselves
presentable as waitresses.

The first patrons arrive, and the
waitresses commence to take orders.
Behind the screens in the corner are
perhaps six or eight girls preparing
the cake and toast. Downstairs in
the hot kitchen are three girls mak-
ing tea, and filling the tea cups.
This continues until six o'clock, and
then those who are willing to remain
must wash the dishes and carry them
up two flights of stairs. The tables
must be folded and put away; the
chairs must be arranged around the
room. Everything must be cleared
away and the Hall swept—by the girls.

Lastly, it seems unnecessary to re-
mind the students that the tea-room
has a Patriotic purpose. The girls
of R. V. C. are doing their utmost
to make it a success, and no one
who has worked in the tea-room con-
scientiously considers it a joke.

An article appearing in yesterday's
Daily, made it clearly manifest that
the proposed R. V. C. student has
one her share in connection with
the tea-room, and it behooves such
persons to be silent on subjects about
which they know absolutely nothing.
It is hoped that the remarks were
intended as humour, not wit, but as
either they made an extremely poor
showing.

With the exception of a faithful
few the students have not patronized
the tea-room, and as there are just
three more afternoon sittings, it is
hoped that the students and their friends
will exert themselves to redeem their
reputations.

INDIA'S ASPIRATIONS.

LIVERPOOL, England.—"India
and the Empire" was the title of a
recent lecture delivered at the Uni-
versity of Liverpool by Prof. Ramsay
Muir, the lecture being one of the
series dealing with Imperial and In-
ternational questions. It had been
increasingly evident, said Prof.
Muir, since the war began, that the
British Empire was a great part-
nership or brotherhood of free na-
tions, extending all round the world
and linked together by their common
devotion to the institutions of liberty.
How was the vast Empire of India
to be accommodated with the other
members? Was it to become a free
partner nation alongside of the rest?
That was the hope and expectation
of many of the Indian patriots, and
especially of the younger educated
patriots, and that hope and that ex-
pectation formed part of the reason
for the remarkable display of loyalty
and steadfastness on the part of the
multifarious races and creeds of that
great continent during the presen-
war. The first instinct of an untutored
Englishman was to sympathize
with that demand; but after the war
they would have to answer the very
difficult question whether a realiza-
tion of that hope was in a full sense
possible.

The first thing to learn about In-
dia was that it was a big place. It
was a continent in size, in popula-
tion, and in the variation of its areas,
and owing to its history, religions, and
caste system, the populations were
more marked from one another than
those of Europe, and had been kept
from blending. For the first time in
her history the varied and multi-
tude of Indian people, castes, and religions
of India had found themselves united
under a single system, firmly organ-
ized and administered. Her popula-
tion, equal to a fifth part of the hu-
man race, had enjoyed a reign of
unbroken peace, for which they would
find no parallel. In the third place,
she was given a rule of law, not the
arbitrary will of shifting despots
seeking their own advantage, but the
fixed rule of an unvarying law. Be-
sides all this, India had in a real,
though not in a technical sense, be-
come a self-governing country, ruled
in her own interests and paying no
tribute, direct or indirect, except in
the form of the profit derived by
Great Britain from India trade. The
English language had provided a
vehicle of communication for the first
time between the educated Indians in
all parts of the Empire, and thus, he
ventured to say, had been formed a
new caste—caste of educated In-
dians which cut across all the exist-
ing castes.

Speaking of Indian education, he
condemned the textbooks in use in
the Indian schools, one of which, he
said, taught that Western develop-
ment had culminated in the nation-

BASKETBALL LEAGUE HOLDS ELECTION

Meeting Decides to Run Both
Sections of the League Again
This Year.

At a meeting of the Provincial
Basketball League, held last night at
the Central Y. M. C. A., it was de-
cided to run both sections this year
as usual, despite the fact that the
Central Y. M. C. A. and the North
Branch do not feel justified in put-
ting in teams this year. The league
will therefore run five team sched-
ules, instead of the six formerly in
it, and the application of the Sham-
rocks for entry into it was accepted
in order to fill the fifth place. The
Macdonald, Railroad Y. M. C. A.
and the Westmount teams will play
as usual.

The officers for the year were
elected, McLeod, of McGill, was elec-
ted president, and Patenaude, of Mac-
donald, was chosen secretary. Steps
were taken to notify the Shamrock
team of the acceptance of their ap-
plication for the entry. The sched-
ule is being drawn up, and is to start
shortly after January 1st.

McGill practice house at the Cen-
tral Y. M. C. A. will be arranged
and announced shortly, and it is to
be hoped that a large number of can-
didates will turn out to help fill the
vacancies in the teams and start them
on the road to another championship.
The second team would undoubtedly
have won the championship in their
section had they got out earlier in
the season and developed some team
work.

COLUMBIA SCHOOL OF ARCH.

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Columbia University is a professional
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committee of visitors, consisting of
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and studying its methods, needs, and
possibilities of development, and re-
porting to the Administrative Board
its observations and suggestions.

The chief aim of the School, more
than to merely train clever drafts-
men, is to provide fundamental in-
struction in the history, theory,
science, and art of architecture which
when supplemented by a sufficient
amount of practice in architects' of-
fices, will qualify the graduate for
the independent practice of his pro-
fession. In order that the strictly
professional training of the School
may rest on a broad foundation of
general culture, it is desirable that
at least two years of collegiate study
precede the students entrance, and,
after July 1, 1917, such previous
training will be required.

The Michigan Student Council will
hold a football smoker after the sea-
son's last game, at which a fee of a
quarter will be charged to those who
attend to eat and spectate with the
men on the team.

The violators of rushing rules at
Cornell are published in the Daily
Sun and the penalty meted out to the
unscrupulous organizations is sus-
pension of their rushing dates during
the first week next fall. Beta Theta
Pi, Phi Kappa Sigma and Sigma Nu
received the penalty at the last meet-
ing of the Student Council.

alism of the Nineteenth Century,
without saying a word about the long
process leading up to it. A system of
training which imparted Western sum-
maries written for Western people
with a Western background, and
asking for granted a thousand things,
was apt to produce sharply defined
results and ideas upon those who
came to it with different media and
a different background. He deplored
the fact that young India should have
been so largely cut off from a due ap-
preciation and study of its own civi-
lization in so extraordinarily a bar-
ren and arid form, the result being
mere formulae instead of thoughtful
and deep-seated knowledge.

His conclusion was that nationhood
was only beginning to dawn upon the
people of India as a consequence of
the peace, justice and prosperity
which the British rule had establish-
ed. It would come, but it was a ten-
erous plant that must not be forced,
and to label a people a nation, and to
act as if it did exist before it fully
realized itself was to bring evil.
They all desired that India should
become a self-governing nation, but
for the present the best thing that
could happen to her was that the
Government which had made pos-
sible some growth of the sentiment
of nationality and of the aspiration
for self-government should continue,
but how long he could not say. At
the same time India was a great
unity, a great State, and a great or-
ganization, which would play its part
in the imperial system, and would be
capable of taking her place with the
other nations, even though her politi-
cal system would be quite different
from that of the rest.

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